

Proclamation 4008**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, 1970****By the President of the United States of America****A Proclamation**

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace."

This ancient prayer has never been more timely than in our own day. It reminds us in striking fashion that the path to peace is through the hearts of men, and it seeks a particularly noble reward: the ability to examine one's own role in bringing harmony and tranquillity to others.

Faith in God and reliance upon his help are among our most important traditions. In recognition of the place of prayer in our national life, the Congress in 1952 provided that the President proclaim a suitable day other than a Sunday each year as a National Day of Prayer.

In complying with the directive of the Congress, I invite all Americans to pray that the scourge of war be lifted from the earth, and that the anguish of those who have felt the horrors of war be eased. It is especially fitting this year that our people ask God's blessings for each other and for all men.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 21, as National Day of Prayer, 1970. I call upon all Americans to join hearts and minds on this day in prayers for reconciliation and brotherhood among our people and for lasting peace with justice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fifth.

**Proclamation 4009****NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK, 1970****By the President of the United States of America****A Proclamation**

In observing National Newspaper Week each year, the American people pay tribute to the dedicated men and women whose journalism can do so much to enrich our national life. At the same time, the nation honors the American tradition of a free and responsible press.

America's great cities have a newspaper tradition that long provided information and entertainment while remaining aggressive, honest, and free from government domination. Our towns and rural areas have an equally proud tradition: that of the local daily or weekly paper which covers news of primarily local interest and records as well the countless incidents of generosity, compassion, and service which are such rewarding features of life in our smaller communities.

September 25, 1970

66 Stat. 64.
36 USC 185.

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Our newspaper heritage is not a luxury, and it is not out of sentimentality that I call attention to it. The freedom and vitality of our newspapers are essential to safeguard our liberty and preserve the values of our society. It is the responsibility of journalists and readers alike to ensure that the freedom of the press which America enjoys today is protected and extended, and I believe that this can best be accomplished by furthering the use of that freedom in imaginative and responsible ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning October 4, 1970, as National Newspaper Week. I call upon all Americans to observe the week with appropriate activities, to honor those who serve their country through the medium of newspapers, and to seek opportunities to enhance the great tradition of a free and responsible press.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fifth.



Proclamation 4010

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK, 1970

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

September 25, 1970

For 24 years the National School Lunch Program has been working to improve the nutrition of our school children. Last May, I signed into law amendments to the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act which will assist in reaching our goal of assuring that every needy child receives a school lunch, free or at reduced cost, and that every school child had access to a moderately priced school meal.

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The School Lunch Program has always been an example of Federal, State, and local cooperation. To call attention to the Program's value and achievements, the Congress by a joint resolution of October 9, 1962, designated the week beginning on the second Sunday of October in each year as National School Lunch Week, and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for the observance of that week.

76 Stat. 779.
36 USC 168.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, call upon the people of the United States to observe the week beginning October 11, 1970, as National School Lunch Week, with ceremonies and activities designed to foster public knowledge and mutual comprehension of the value of the National School Lunch Program to our children and the Nation as a whole.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hun-